

Amendments to the Claims:

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough or double brackets, are expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A floor covering comprising a composition including a binder, a plasticizer and a substance capable of migration within the composition, wherein the binder comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the plasticizer is in an amount of at least about 12 wt.% based on PVC, and the substance capable of migration is present in an amount of from about 1.5 wt.% to about 15 wt.% based on the binder, and wherein the floor covering has a profile with elevations and recesses, the average spacing between profile peaks in the centerline is more than about 200 μm and less than about 1000 μm , and the difference in height between the elevations and the recesses is from about 20 μm to about 200 μm .

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the floor covering is homogenous.

4. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the floor covering is multilayered.

5. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the PVC has a K-value from about 40 to about 80.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Original) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the substance capable of migration is a wax-like substance.

8. (Original) The floor covering according to Claim 7, wherein the wax-like substance is selected from the group consisting of a partially synthetic wax, a fully synthetic wax, a natural wax, a modified natural wax and mixtures thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) A floor covering comprising a layer having an exposed major surface, the layer comprising a composition including a binder, a plasticizer and a substance capable of migration within the composition, wherein the binder comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC), wherein the plasticizer is in an amount of at least about 12 wt.% based on PVC, wherein the substance capable of migration is a wax-like substance comprising a plurality of wax-like substances, the wax-like substances having different melting points, and wherein the amount of the substance capable of migration is in excess of its compatibility in the composition, whereby the substance capable of migration migrates to the exposed major surface.

10. (Original) The floor covering according to Claim 7, wherein the wax-like substance comprises an amide wax.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the floor covering further comprises a substrate and a coating, the coating comprising the binder, plasticizer and substance capable of migration.

13. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 31, wherein the coating has a thickness of about 10 μm to about 100 μm .

14. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 31, wherein the substrate comprises the same PVC as the PVC of the coating.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 12, wherein the coating comprises a particulate material having a hardness greater than the hardness of the PVC of the coating.

Claims 17 and 18 (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a particulate material having a hardness greater than the hardness of the PVC.

20. (Original) The floor covering according to Claim 19, wherein the particulate material comprises a polymer.

Claims 21 and 22 (Canceled).

23. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 33, wherein a plurality of the particles of the particulate material protrude above the surface of the PVC.

Claims 24 and 25 (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A floor covering comprising a composition including a binder, a plasticizer and a substance capable of migration within the composition at room temperature, the binder comprising polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the plasticizer being in an amount of at least 12 wt.% based on PVC, and the amount of the substance capable of migration being in excess of its compatibility in the composition.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the substance capable of migration is a wax-like substance.

29. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 28, wherein the wax-like substance is selected from the group consisting of a partially synthetic wax, a fully synthetic wax, a natural wax, a modified natural wax and mixtures thereof.

30. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 28, wherein the wax-like substance comprises an amide wax.

31. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the floor covering further comprises a substrate and a coating, the coating comprising the binder, plasticizer and substance capable of migration.

32. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 31, wherein the coating comprises a particulate material having a hardness greater than the hardness of the PVC of the coating.

33. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 26, wherein the composition comprises a particulate material having a hardness greater than the hardness of the PVC.

34. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 33, wherein the particulate material comprises a polymer.